

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1869, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common-Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,  
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn,  
Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver,  
Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Shepherd—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held Nov. 1, 1869, were  
read and approved.

Sealed proposals for public work were opened and read, and referred to the Committed on Bridges.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Street Commissioner notify the Indianapolis, Cincinnati

and Lafayette Railway Company, formerly known as the Lafayette R. R. Co. to build a suitable culvert under their track where the same crosses St. Clair street, and on their failure to do so within ten days from date of notice, to enforce the ordinance, granting the company the right of way through said city, which can be found on page 221 of Revised Ordinances.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, NOV. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—You are hereby notified that we will resist payment of any claim or allowance that may be set up or allowed by you to Messrs. Dunning & Patterson, of the city of Indianapolis, on their contract, under the ordinance of the 30th of June, 1869, for the bouldering of the gutters, cross-streets and alleys, and leveling and repairing the street between the gutters, on Illinois street, from Ohio street to the north side of North street, because they are not doing the same according to the terms of said ordinance, or according to the terms of their contract under said ordinance, and have hauled off a large quantity of good gravel already from the street.

Signed by John F. Ramsey

Which was referred to the Committee on Contracts and Civil Engineer.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, NOV. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—At the beginning of the late war, I was a resident of West Virginia, living in pretty good circumstances; but being a staunch Union man, I was compelled to leave my home, my family, and my property, to the mercy of the rebels. My property was all destroyed, my house burned, and my family turned out of doors. In the meantime I enlisted in the Second Kentucky Infantry, Company A, for three months; was discharged at the expiration of my term of service, and enlisted for three years in the Tenth West Virginia Infantry, commanded by Colonel T. M. Harris; was taken prisoner at Winchester, Virginia, June 15th, 1863; was a prisoner eight months; was wounded at Leetown, Virginia, July 3, 1864; was discharged shortly after Lee's surrender, and came to my father in law in Ohio, totally

disabled. In the meantime I lost all my children (three in number), and about three months after my return I lost my wife. I was then removed to the Soldiers' Home, then at Columbus, Ohio,—the Home is now at Dayton, Ohio,—where I remained eighteen months; my health then being so far recovered that I applied for and received a discharge.

Since then I have taken another wife. I came to your city in November, 1868 (just one year ago) with my entire capital in my pocket, amounting to \$640. I was then *en route* for Kansas, and on the evening I came here, while riding on a street car (the car being crowded), my pocket was picked, and I was left without a dollar. In this sad dilemma I knew not what to do. No one was willing to board us, unless we could pay our bills in advance, or put our baggage in pledge. The latter we did.

Business was so very dull, that I could not get any employment through the winter, and, of course, I got in debt. In the spring I got a situation on a farm, a few miles south of the city, where I spent the summer. The greater portion of my wages was spent in paying my debts contracted last winter. I left the farm on the first of September, and returned to the city. Two or three days afterward, myself and wife were both taken sick. My wife is still confined to her bed, with but little hopes of her recovery. As for myself, I am just able to walk around; but my health is gone, and we are left in destitute circumstances indeed. Gentlemen, our circumstances are undoubtedly distressing. I cannot think for a moment that the generous-hearted people of Indianapolis would let an old soldier remain in distress, did they but only know the sad condition in which misfortune has placed him. Therefore, Gentlemen, I appeal to your kind generosity, believing that you are ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy.

I am, Gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. A. DAWSON.

P. S.—I return my sincere thanks to his Honor, Mayor Macauley, and others, who so kindly aided me in my distress.

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Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Also special appropriation ordinance No. 49, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital, for the month of October, 1869.

Which was read the first time.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Newman, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from James M. Ray, Nicholas McCarty and E. B. Martindale, on the subject of selling the city certain real estate south-east of the corporate limits, for a park, beg leave to report, that one member of the committee is opposed to the purchase, and one member is opposed to purchasing the land coupled with any condition requiring its appropriation to any particular purpose, and the committee not being able to agree, they respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN S. NEWMAN, } Committee.  
THOMAS COTTRELL, }

Which was received.

Mr. Marsee, from the Committee on Fire Department, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Fire Department would herewith most respectfully report, that we have contracted with Messrs. Mooney & Co., of this city, to furnish 2,700 feet of rubber hose; 1,800 feet of the above to be what is called four ply test hose, at \$1 30 per foot; the other 900 feet to be four ply rubber hose, at 93 cents per foot.

We would report that the 1,800 feet of test hose have been furnished and accepted by the Chief Engineer and your Committee, and we herewith report an ordinance for the payment of the same; being,

For the 1,800 feet, at \$1 30 per foot,	-	-	-	-	\$2,340 00
Freight and drayage on same,	-	-	-	-	25 02
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$2,365 02

We also report an ordinance to pay Schnieder & Co. for hose couplings, screws and bands, to the amount of \$361 80; being couplings for the whole 2,700 feet of hose.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. MARSEE, } Committee.  
AUSTIN H. BROWN, }  
ISAAC THALMAN, }

Which was received.

Also special appropriation ordinance No 50, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Railroads, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, NOV. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Railroads, together with the City Clerk and City Attorney, to whom the ordinance ordering the issuance of bonds of the city of Indianapolis to the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad Company was referred, beg leave to report, that they have examined the petitions (now on file in the City Clerk's office) of resident freehold taxpayers of the city of Indianapolis, and find that a majority of the same have signed said petitions, and for further particulars, we would call your attention to the following report, made to Council on the 14th day of December, 1868:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14, 1868.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee, to whom was referred sundry petitions from citizens, asking the Common Council to issue to the Vincennes and Indianapolis Railroad Company \$60,000 in city bonds, have, since the last reference, examined the list of the names of freeholders, whose signatures were not attached to said petitions, and we find as to such list of names not attached to the petitions in favor of the Vincennes and Indianapolis Railroad Company, numbering 3,135, that 768 of said names are non-residents, which left 2,367 names of resident freeholders on said list; and on the original petition referred there were 1,307. A majority of the entire resident freeholders necessary to be obtained is 1,837. Your committee have received and herewith file additional petitions signed by 702 of the resident freeholders on said list, which, together with 1,307 on the original petitions, makes 2,009, being a majority of 171 of the resident freeholders of said city

JOHN G. WATERS, *Dep. City Clerk.*  
WILLIAM HADLEY, *City Assessor.*

We also report, that after examination, we find that the petitions on which that report was based, included the Indianapolis and Crawfordsville Railroad.

And as it now appears clear to us, from the investigations we have made, that the Railroad Company have fully complied with the requirements of the charter and the obligations imposed on them by the Common Council, in reference to the construction of said Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad, we would respectfully report the ordinance back, and recommend the passage of the same, after being amended as follows:

Wherever the words "1st day of July, 1869," occur, amend by inserting "1st day of January, 1870."

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES, }  
FR. THOMS, } Committee.

DANIEL M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

The question being on concurring in the report.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—14.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Kennington and Woodburn—3.



So the report was concurred in.

5. Mr. Wiles moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of taking up and passing the ordinance providing for the execution and delivery of the bonds of the city of Indianapolis, to the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad Company.

The question being on a suspension of the rules.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—13.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Kimber, Kahn, Kennington and Woodburn—4.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read the second time.

Mr. Kennington offered the following amendment:

That the ordinance be referred to the voters of the city of Indianapolis, for their approval, to be voted on at a special election to be held on the first Monday in December.

Mr. Thalman moved to lay the amendment on the table, and called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—13.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Kimber, Heckman, Kennington and Woodburn—4.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting that the bonds shall be issued when the Road shall make Indianapolis a terminus, by building a bridge over White river.

Mr. Harrison moved to lay the amendment on the table, and called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cot-

trell, Harrison, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Thoms and Woodburn—5.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

The question being on the engrossment of the ordinance.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington and Woodburn—5.

So the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed.

The ordinance was then read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington and Woodburn—5.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell moved that when this Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet Thursday, Nov. 11, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Harrison moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of taking up and passing ordinances allowing accounts.

The question being on a suspension of the rules.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cot-

trell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber and Kennington—2.

a' So the rules were suspended, and special appropriation ordinance No. 50, 1869—appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis,

Was read the second and third times and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

By consent, the Civil Engineer made the following reports:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following partial estimates:

Patterson & Dunning, for grading and bouldering the gutters and street and alley crossings on Illinois street, between Ohio and North streets.

Length of gutter on east side	-	-	1950 feet.	
Length of gutter on west side	-	-	1905 feet 4 inches.	
Total length of gutter,	-	-	3865 feet 4 inches.	
At 56 cents per lineal foot,	-	-	-	\$2158 96
Street and alley crossings, 980 yards, at 72 cents per square yard,				705 60
Total estimate,	-	-	-	\$2864 56

Also, John A. Whitsit, for building cisterns:

c' Cistern at the corner of McCarty and Illinois streets, 507 barrels,  
 Cistern at the corner of Meridian and Vermont sts, 604 barrels,  
 Cistern at Noble street and Fletcher avenue 673 barrels,



Wyoming and High streets, - - -	700 barrels,	
Maryland and Illinois streets, - - -	650 barrels,	
Helen and Georgia streets - - -	650 barrels,	
Madison avenue and South street, - - -	500 barrels,	
Ohio and Illinois streets, - - -	650 barrels,	
New York and Douglass streets, - - -	650 barrels,	
North and Blake streets, - - -	550 barrels,	
Fort Wayne avenue and Delaware street, - - -	680 barrels,	
Pennsylvania and St Joseph streets, - - -	550 barrels,	
Broadway and Cherry streets, - - -	500 barrels,	
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Total number of barrels, - - -	7864	
At 64 cents per barrel, - - -	-	\$5032 96
Deduct 15 per cent., - - -	-	754 96
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Present payment, - - -	-	\$4278 00

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Mr. Grubbs is entitled to a credit of \$31, for the material in the gutter in front of his property.

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract:

James Mahoney, for graveling Huron street, from Cedar street to the corporation line east. /4

Length on north side - - -	1007 feet 9 inches.	
Length on south side - - -	1654 feet	
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Total length - - -	2061 feet 9 inches.	
At 45 cents per lineal foot, - - -	-	\$927 78

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which were concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }  
Indianapolis, Nov. 8, 1869. }

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council:

*First*, Contract and bond of Hiram Seibert, for grading and bouldering Alabama street, from Washington street to the south side of Cumberland, is presented for your approval.

*Second*, Contract and bond of Hanway & Lefever, for grading and graveling Wabash alley, from Delaware to Pennsylvania street.

*Third*, Contract and bond of Hanway & Lefever, for grading and graveling St. Joseph street and sidewalks, from Meridian to Illinois street.

*Fourth*, Contract and bond of Charles D. Kruger, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Pennsylvania street, from Market street to the first alley north of Market street.

*Fifth*, First and partial estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning, for boulder-

ing the gutters and the crossings of the streets and alleys the width of the sidewalks, on Illinois street, from Ohio to north street.

*Sixth*, First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for graveling Huron street, from Cedar street to the corporation line east.

Respectfully,

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.

Which was concurred in, and the contracts and bonds approved.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the first and partial estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning, for grading and bouldering the gutters on Illinois street, and bouldering the crossings of the streets and alleys the width of the sidewalks, from Ohio to North street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property holders a.e hereby required to pay the sums opposite their respective names.

The question then being on the passage of the resolution.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Mar-see, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for graveling Huron street, from Cedar street to the corporation line east, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Mar-see, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

*a* Under the above suspension of the rules, special appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1869—appropriating money for the payment of

sundry claims, was read the second and third times and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of introducing petitions and ordinances, without debate.

The question being on a suspension of the rules.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place the necessary foot bridges on Buchanan and Bradshaw streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

The undersigned residents of said city would respectfully represent that they are the sole owners of lots numbered 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Eckert's heirs' sub-division of out-lot 131, in said city; that said lots 15 and 16 are separated their entire length by an alley running east, from Eckert street, to and connecting with an alley running north, from Merrill to Sharpe street, the exact position of which lots and alley appears by the plat of said sub-division and the map of said city; that they desire erecting works for the manufacture of glass on said lots, and commencing to do so as soon as the necessary preparations can be made; that in order to the erection of said works on said lots, and the

free use of same for the purpose designed, it is necessary to have all of said lots together, which is prevented by said alley between said lots 15 and 16; that they desire to have said alley between said lots vacated for the object stated; that the only persons to be affected thereby are Elenora Butsterbaum and Joseph Graff; and the undersigned therefore ask your Honorab'e Body to vacate said alley between said lots 15 and 16, (if no good reason exists to the contrary), after due and legal notice shall have been given.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. FOUT,  
JOHN STUMPH,  
JOSEPH W. DEISCHLER,  
FREDERICK BALLMAN,  
CHARLES BRINKMAN,  
HENRY EMMERICH.

Which was received.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of lots in the city of Indianapolis, assessed for supposed benefits by the proposed opening of Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, respectfully remonstrate against the action of the Commissioners, in making such assessment as shown in their report, filed with the City Clerk on the 23d of October, 1869, and now before your Honorable Body for acceptance or rejection.

Your remonstrants respectfully represent that the assessments made against them are unjust, as their property is not to be materially benefitted by the opening of said street, and they pray your honorable body to reject said report.

Respectfully submitted.

T. A. Morris—195 feet on Meridian, and 202 on Georgia street.

A. W. Morris, by T. A. Morris—202 feet on Georgia, and 65 on Meridian.

Jane M. Morris by T. A. Morris—62 feet on Meridian.

Lewis T. Morris by T. A. Morris—37 feet on Meridian.

J. D. Defrees by T. A. Morris—66 feet on Meridian.

Julia A. Ross by T. A. Morris—40 feet on Meridian.

Caroline Mothershead by T. A. Morris—70 feet on Meridian.

Lewis T. Morris—202 feet on Georgia.

M. Fitzgibbon—25 feet on Meridian.

E. S. Alvord—96 feet on Meridian.

E. S. Alvord—45 feet on Pennsylvania.

E. S. Alvord—202 feet on Georgia.

Henry Schnull—185 feet on Meridian.

A. E. Vinton—104 feet on Meridian.

J. C. Brinkmeyer & Co.—20 feet on Meridian.

B. Kaufman—209 feet on Meridian.

Butsch, Dickson & Co.—25 feet. [P. S.—We are in favor of opening Georgia street, but want all property benefitted by opening the street equally assessed.]

John S. Spann—22 feet on Meridian.

C. F. Hahn—45 feet on Meridian.

Murphy, Johnston & Co.—40 feet on Meridian.

W. J. Holliday & Co.—22 feet on Meridian.

Benj. Franklin—22 feet on Meridian.

Which was received.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned, property holders on Harrison street, have the honor to respectfully state, that we have paid the assessment made against us by the City Commissioners, for the opening of Dillon street, between Harrison and Eates streets, and that said street is not yet opened. (The assessment was made on the 21st day of September, 1868.

We therefore respectfully petition your Honorable Body to direct the City Marshal or Street Commissioner to open said street.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BEHRENT,  
H. KORITZER,  
FRED KORITZER,  
FRITZ SELT,  
HENRY HOUTSMANN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN.—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on the first alley south of Cedar street, between Virginia avenue and the first alley east of Virginia avenue, running north and south, respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for the privilege of grading and graveling said alley between the points named, the work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

WILLIAM RICHTER.

Which was received.

Also special ordinance No. 119, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Benton street and sidewalks, from Washington to Maryland streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Harrison presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, resident citizens and free-holders of said city of Indianapolis, respectfully petition that Helen street in said city be opened, continued, and extended north, from the present termination thereof, the width thereof (60 feet). through the entire length of out-lot number one



hundred and forty-three (143) 420 feet; said out-lot being owned by Edward King.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. FERGUSON,  
J. S. CAREY,  
JOHN E. SIMPSON, Sup't T. H. & I. R. R.,  
KINGAN & Co.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned, property holders on North New Jersey street north of St. Clair street, would respectfully petition your Honorable Body to reconsider a resolution passed by you, which is intended to compel us to move our fences, and give part of our lots to the city without compensation.

Our reasons are as follows :

1. The ground rightfully belongs to us, as is shown by the original maps, and also by the maps of the City Civil Engineer
2. All the Engineers, from Mr. Wood's time till now, have been consulted, and they all, without exception, fix the line as we now have it.
3. We have moved our fences out by order of the City Council, who passed a resolution to instruct the Civil Engineer to give us our exact boundary line, which was done by Mr. Patterson.
4. The gas posts, which were set some years ago, are placed according to the same rule.
5. Our moving back would not be a benefit but an injury, because it is only proposed that we shall move our fences, while Mr. Burton, whose fence in the same square is out on a line with our fences, is allowed to remain where it is, which makes an offset near the center of the square.
6. If the five property holders yet back would move their fences out, there would be a straight line to the end of New Jersey street; and we believe, if your Body will review the matter, you will arrive at a different conclusion from your first.
7. It is argued that that ground had been open for twenty years, and therefore would give the city a right to it. This is not the case.
8. Some of the petitioners who signed the last petition, signed also the petition that the City Council might allow us to move our fences where they now stand; as, for instance, Mr. F. A. Lehr and Robert Dain.
9. It is stated that if our line remains as at present, it will compel the property holders on East and other streets to establish new lines also. We know, from conversation with (as we believe) well informed men, that your Body has full control of these matters, and therefore desire the line to remain as it is, unless you should decide otherwise.
10. We would also state, that we would cheerfully move our fences back, if others in the same square would be compelled so to do. But even then it would seem but justice to us that we should be allowed a reasonable amount of damages, for the ground and expenses for moving and improvements, because we have, as already stated, moved out by the order of your Honorable Body.

We again pray to allow the line to remain as already established, believing

that it would be better, that it would look better, and be beneficial to all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN,  
W. C. EWING,  
GEO. WILSON,  
ANDREW H. TURNER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Harrison presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the alley between Pratt street and the first alley north of Pratt street, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling the first alley west of Pennsylvania street, and running from Pratt street to the first alley north of Pratt street, in out-lot one hundred and seventy-two.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

INGRAHAM FLETCHER.  
FRED. KNEFLER,  
EDW'D T. JOHNSON,  
EDW'D GRIFFITH,  
JOHN S. SPANN,  
J. H. BALDWIN.

Which was received.

Also special ordinance No. 120, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Pennsylvania street, and running from Pratt street to the first alley north of Pratt street, in out-lot one hundred and seventy two.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington introduced special ordinance No. 121, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on McCarty street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

We the undersigned, property holders and residents of Willard street, in

the city of Indianapolis, desire to have said street graded and graveled, from Garden street to Pogue's run, as the nuisance from standing water is endangering the health of the neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

C. NEIGHBORS,  
C. SINMON,  
I. HOLLAND,  
REES R. WILLIAMS,  
And 19 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Newmon presented the following bill :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The City of Indianapolis to John S. Newman

Dr.

To Expenses to Peoria to inspect Water Works viz:

Expense at Logansport.....	\$00 15
Expense at Fairbury.....	50
Expense at Peora, self.....	4 50
Expense at Peoria, colored boy on car.....	4 00
Expense at Jacksonville, boy on car and Miller.....	1 50
Expense at Jacksonville, self.....	75
Expense on train for refreshments for party.....	19 00
Total,.....	\$30 40

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wiles introduced special ordinance No. 122, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Blake street, between the National Road and New York street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on St. Clair street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to pass an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp-posts for gas, upon St. Clair street, between Alabama and New Jersey street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

WALTER MARCH,  
GEORGE BROWN,  
WILLIAM M. BLYTHE,  
A. RAFERT,  
JAMES LOCKS.

Which was received.

Also special ordinance No. 123, 1869—entitled,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on St. Clair street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was read the first time.

On motion the Council adjourned.

*Daniel Macauley*  
~~DANIEL MACAULEY~~, Mayor.

ATTEST:

*A. M. Russdell*  
~~A. M. Russdell~~, City Clerk.